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### FPPC appeals superior court ruling on contribution limits

The Fair Political Practices Commission today appealed a Superior Court decision that struck down a commission regulation that imposes contribution limits on candidate-controlled ballot measure committees. In the notice of appeal filed in *Citizens v. FPPC*, the Commission noted that the appeal stays the superior court's order and therefore the regulation remains in full force and effect pending the outcome of the appeal.

Citizens to Save California, Assembly member Keith Richman, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Schwarzenegger's California Recovery Team, Senator John Campbell, and the campaign committees Rescue California from Budget Deficits and Taxpayers for Responsible Pensions, sued the FPPC in February, challenging a regulation adopted by the commission in June, 2004. That regulation applied the same contribution limits to candidate-controlled ballot-measure committees that apply to the candidates themselves - currently \$22,300 for the Governor.

California Superior Court Judge Shelleyanne Chang ruled in favor of the Citizens to Save California on March 25, 2005, and issued a preliminary injunction against the regulation on April 18, 2005.

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